

IN THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1-16 (Canceled).

CLAIM 17 (Previously Presented) A reflective display device comprising:

a light incident side and an opposite side, the display device comprising a diffusing liquid crystalline material,

a first substrate on the light incident side and a second substrate on the opposite side enclosing the liquid crystalline material,

reflecting means between said first and second substrates which reflect light which is incident at an angle larger than a given angle of incidence and pass light which is incident at an angle smaller than said given angle of incidence, and

said display device further comprising an absorbing element which absorbs light passed by said reflecting means.

CLAIM 18 (Previously Presented) A reflective flat-panel display device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the reflecting means comprise an angle-dependent reflector which is situated between the liquid crystalline material and the second substrate.

CLAIM 19 (Previously Presented) A reflective flat-panel display device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the reflector comprises a stack of dielectric layers.

CLAIM 20 (Previously Presented) A reflective flat-panel display device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the reflecting means comprise an angle-dependent diffusor.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.